



The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses

What is The DAISY Award?

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33, from complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP).

During his eight week hospital stay, his family was impressed by the care and compassion his nurses provided, not only to him but to everyone in the family. They created the DAISY Award in Pat's memory to recognize those nurses who make a big difference in the lives of so many people.

Our DAISY Award honorees demonstrate the VA's I CARE principles. They also demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and compassionate care. They are recognized as role models in our nursing community.

Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center is proud to be a DAISY Award partner, and will recognize one of our nurses with this special honor every month. Each DAISY Award Honoree will be recognized at a public ceremony in her/his unit, and will receive:

- a beautiful certificate
- a DAISY Award pin
- a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled A Healer's Touch

In addition, their clinic/unit will celebrate with Cinnabon® cinnamon rolls – a favorite of Patrick's. The Barnes family asks that whenever nurses smell that wonderful cinnamon aroma, they stop for a moment and think about how special they are.

How to Nominate an Extraordinary Nurse

Patients, families, visitors, nurses, physicians, and other employees may fill out this nomination form and submit it to **any clinic/unit secretary**.

Nomination form is on the back of this page.

To find out more about the DAISY program, including the growing list of Partners, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org.



NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate _____ from the _____ unit/department for **The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.**

Please describe a situation in which the nurse demonstrates at least one of these I CARE principles:

Integrity: Maintains the trust and confidence of all with whom she/he engages.

Commitment: Serves Veterans and their families by honoring the VA's mission.

Advocacy: Truly focuses on serving the Veteran.

Respect: Provides dignity and respect to everyone she/he serves and encounters.

Excellence: Strives for the highest quality and continuous improvement.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate this extraordinary nurse. Please include your contact information to ensure that you are included in the award celebration if your nominee is chosen.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

I am (please check one): Nurse _____ Patient _____ Family/Visitor _____ MD _____
Staff _____ Volunteer _____

Date of Nomination _____

Please give completed form to a clinic/unit secretary or send to address listed below.

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